

Activity Sheet #4: Perceptions of Poverty

Directions: The questions below will help you decide what poverty looks like. Answer the following questions to the best of your ability. There are no correct or incorrect answers. Feel free to use any other activity sheet to help you answer these questions, if needed.

PERCEPTIONS OF POVERTY

1. Write your definition of poverty here.
2. For you, what constitutes a basic need? (Refer to the *Hierarchy of Basic Needs* sheet if necessary.)
3. How can you tell if a person is poor? Is it clothes? Smell? Look of sickness? Area of town?
4. What do poor people look like in your city, or town?
5. If a person does not have skills and an education, would you consider that person poor?
6. If a person lives in the “bad” side of the city or town, is that person considered poor?
7. What would have to happen for you to become poor? What would you have to lose?
8. If people take public transportation would you consider those people to be poor?
9. What kinds of cars do poor people drive?
10. If you personally have no spending money do you consider yourself poor?